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| 1 | A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2022 as National Beef Month in Kentucky. |
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| 2 | WHEREAS, beef is the second most popular meat in the United States, as |
| 3 | Americans eat an average of roughly 57 pounds of beef each year; and |
| 4 | WHEREAS, beef production is a multibillion dollar industry in the United States, |
| 5 | as America produces an estimated 27 billion pounds of beef each year, which represents |
| 6 | nearly 20 percent of the world's beef; and |
| 7 | WHEREAS, cattle production is important to the economy of the Commonwealth, |
| 8 | as Kentucky is home to more than 2 million cattle and calves, and is the largest beef cattle |
| 9 | state east of the Mississippi River; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to approximately 38,000 farms that produce beef |
| 11 | cattle; and |
| 12 | WHEREAS, Kentucky beef cattle sales, including calves, totaled approximately |
| 13 | \$727 million in 2020; and |
| 14 | WHEREAS, leaders of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and the Kentucky |
| 15 | Beef Council work diligently on behalf of beef producers across the Commonwealth to |
| 16 | promote beef consumption, serve as a resource for information to further educate |
| 17 | producers, and develop programs that help farmers produce more beef and increase |
| 18 | profitability; and |
| 19 | WHEREAS, beef is a great source of ten essential nutrients that support a heart- |
| 20 | healthy lifestyle, including protein, zinc, iron, and B vitamins, which provide our bodies |
| 21 | with the strength to thrive and grow throughout all stages of life; and |
| 22 | WHEREAS, high-quality, natural, fresh ground beef that is entirely raised, |
| 23 | processed, and packaged in Kentucky, packaged with the label of Kentucky Cattlemen's |
| 24 | Ground Beef, is now available at select Kroger and JayC Food stores across the |
| 25 | Commonwealth, southern Indiana, southern Illinois, and Tennessee; |
| 26 | NOW, THEREFORE, |
| 27 | Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the |

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1 Commonwealth of Kentucky:

- Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby recognize the month of
- 3 May 2022 as National Beef Month and commends all those cattle farmers, ranchers, and
- 4 all other agribusiness members involved in beef production across the Commonwealth.
- 5 → Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit
- 6 copies of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed for delivery to the Kentucky
- 7 Cattlemen's Association and the Kentucky Beef Council.